Resolution Honoring the Career of Dr. Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

WHEREAS, Since 1984, Dr. Burl W. Haar has ably served the State of Minnesota and contributed more than thirty years of service, and served as Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission since December 1, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his service to the State, Dr. Haar has demonstrated the finest attributes of a public servant: integrity, service, technical expertise, open communication, sound judgment, skilled management, and the flexibility to adjust to continually changing circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haar exemplifies the best qualities of an Executive Secretary by supporting each commissioner’s effort to meaningfully participate in the work of the commission, by aiding their understanding of their role, and by treating each new member with respect; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haar has shared his knowledge and expertise with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners by participating in many of its initiatives, including service on the Staff Subcommittees on Executive Directors and Education and Research, and as a member of the National Regulatory Research Institute Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haar’s understanding of and support for NARUC has enabled Minnesota’s Commissioners to actively participate in and meaningfully contribute to NARUC; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haar is held in high esteem for his contributions to the evolution of the Organization of MISO States and MISO, and to the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, clearly articulating the appropriate role of States in regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haar has remained gracious, steadfast, and informed, even while the telecommunications, gas and electric industries have undergone profound changes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haar retired from his position on January 5, 2015, to devote additional effort to teaching and community engagement; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2015 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its grateful thanks to Dr. Haar for his years of service to the fair, effective regulation of public utilities and to the customers of those utilities, and wishes him a long, healthy, active retirement.

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